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SUBJECT: JDL

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1. PRESS FEBRUARY 19 TAKES UP JDL THEME IN HARSH TERMS. WHILE FLOW OF TELEGRAMS TO EMBASSY PROTESTING INCIDENTS AND BRUSSELS MEETING ON SOVIET JEWS HAS INCREASED. THERE HAVE NO RETALIATORY INCIDENTS THUS FAR. ALTHOUGH ONE OFFICER REPORTED UNUSUALLY CLOSE SURVEILLANCE DURING TO WORK.

2. UNDER HEADING "THEY ENCOURAGE PROVOCATEURS" PRVADA RUNS STRELNIKOV ARTICLE CONDEMNING RESUMPTION JDL INCIDENTS AND ACCUSING US AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTING PERPETRATORS. STRELNIKOV SAYS ZIONIST HOOLIGANS "BURNED" THREE AUTOMOBILES BELONGING TO SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON AND THAT NEW JDL CAMPAIGN INCLUDES THREATENING NIGHT PHONE CALLS TO EMBASSY MEMBERS. "THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES," HE SAYS, "STILL IN FACT, OPENLY STAND ON THE SIDE OF THE ROGROISTS." HE GOES ON TO POINT OUT THAT NONE OF BUILDING BOMBERS HAVE BEEN FOUND NOR HAS SINGLE HOOLIGAN BEEN PUNISHED.

3. INSTEAD OF TRYING TERRORISTS, STRELNIKOV SAYS COURT AUTHORITIES ARE ATTEMPTING ARRANGE TRIAL OF SOVIET REPRESENT-

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ATTIVES. HE MENTIONS DECEMBER 29, 1969, ATTACK ON TASS OFFICE IN NEW YORK FOR WHICH NO JDL MEMBER HAS YET BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL. ON OTHER HAND, COURT IS "RUSHING" TO ARRANGE COUNTER-SUIT AGAINST TASS MAN BASKAKOV, CHARGING HIM WITH HARASSMENT. STRELNIKOV SAYS DEPARTMENT ADVISED BASKAKOV TO APPEAR IN COURT FEBRUARY 10, ASSURING HIM THAT CASE WOULD BE DROPPED SAME DAY. INSTEAD, JUDGE PROPOSED "CYNICAL DEAL: DROPT CHARGES AGAINST JDL AND WE WON'T TRY YOU." STRELNIKOV ASKS, "WASN'T THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AIMING FOR SUCH A DEAL?" HE CONCLUDES, "THIS STRANGE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN JUSTICE CAN ONLY BE EXPLAINED BY THE DESIRE TO PROTECT HOLOGANGS FROM PUNISHMENT AND THUS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO NEW ILLEGAL ACTS."

TASS ITEM IN OTHER PAPERS REPORTS BURNING OF THREE AUTO-MOBILES. IT QUOTES DEPARTMENT STATEMENT CONDEMNING "SENSELESS ACT OF VANDALISM AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF THREE SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEES" AND SAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN GAVE ASSURANCES THAT USG "WILL MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO FIND CRIMINALS AND BRING THEM TO TRIAL." ARTICLE GOES ON, NEVERTHELESS, TO CHARGE AUTHORITIES WITH "CONNIVANCE" WHICH ENCOURAGING ZIONISTS TO NEW CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS.

5. EMBASSY RECEIVED 15 TELEGRAMS FROM SOVIET CITIZENS FEBRUARY 19, TEN CONDEMNING BRUSSELS MEETING AND FIVE JDL ACTIVITIES.
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